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New Leadership on Lake Michigan Coastal Advisory Board

At the April 21 Lake Michigan Coastal Program Advisory Board meeting new officers were elected for the positions of chair, vice chair, and secretary. Unanimously elected, Dr. Mark Reshkin will continue to serve as Chair; Charlotte Read as Vice Chair; and Dale Engquist as Secretary through April 2005.

“The Lake Michigan Coastal Program is excited to continue working with these individuals on issues such as Coastal Grant priorities and identifying Coastal Areas of Significance. The Coastal Advisory Board will do well under this leadership.”, said Mike Molnar, manager of the Lake Michigan Coastal Program.

As Chair, Dr. Mark Reshkin, an Emeritus Professor of Geology and of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University Northwest will ensure the effective action of the Coastal Advisory Board. A resident of Valparaiso, currently Dr. Reshkin chairs the city's stormwater management board and serves as an environmental consultant to the Northwest Indiana Forum and is Senior Advisor to the Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council. Also a Commissioner of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, Dr. Reshkin received a Bachelor of Arts in Geology Degree from Rutgers University and both the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Geology from Indiana University. He is married, the father of two and grandfather of four children.

Vice Chair, Charlotte Read has been involved with resource issues throughout her life. Currently Charlotte serves as the Assistant Director for Save the Dunes Council. Recipient of the 2003 Sagamore of the Wabash, 2003 Quality of Life Award, 2002 Paul H. Douglas Memorial Award, and 2000 Izaak Walton League Hall of Fame Award, Charlotte also involves herself with the Indiana Heritage Trust Project, Izaak Walton League, and numerous other environmental organizations. She and her husband Herb live in Chesterton and have five children and nine grandchildren.

Secretary, Dale Engquist has been a career employee of the National Park Service for 40 years, the past 25 of which have been at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore where he has overseen much of the park's development and the growth of its education and resource management programs. Born and raised in Chicago, Dale attended the University of Illinois at both the Navy Pier and Champaign/Urbana campuses, receiving a Master of Science degree in Botany. His plans to pursue his Ph.D. at the University of California ended when a summer Park Ranger job at Wind Cave National Park, South Dakota (1964) convinced him that he'd prefer a career in parks. He was a recipient of Indiana's Sagamore of the Wabash Award in 1992 and received the Secretary of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award in 1995. He and his wife, Jo Ann, reside in Michigan City and have three children and three grandchildren.

The Lake Michigan Coastal Program receives input and guidance from the volunteer Coastal Advisory Board. The Board is comprised of 30 members, 22 voting and eight ex-officio. The Board provides a forum for public input on regional issues affecting Lake Michigan coastal resources and represents a broad cross section of stakeholders.

Nominees for voting board positions must live or work in Lake, Porter, or LaPorte Counties. The Director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources appoints individuals for a two (2) year term and are eligible for re-nomination. The Coastal Advisory Board elects a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary from among its membership by a simple majority vote. Officers serve a one year term.

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